

### Funding for Education

There are many government programs that can help you fund your education. Listed below are several

- **Federal Student Aid (FSA)** office of the U.S. Department of Education. FSA's student aid nearly 70% of FSA.
- Not all schools participate in all FSA programs. Ask the financial aid administrator at your school a
- Among FSA's most visible and best known are the federal Pell Grants and the federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG).
- **Grants** are a type of financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid.
- Pell Grants awarded for the 2008-09 award year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) was a maximum of \$4,400.
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants will range from \$100 to \$4,000.
- Academic Competitiveness Grants are for the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (NSMART) program.
- The TEACH Grant is available for the 2008-2009 program year.
- **Loans** are borrowed money that must be repaid with interest. Both undergraduate and graduate students can borrow federal loans.
- **Federal Stafford Loans** are made to students and parents and are made to graduate/professional students.
- **William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program** directly from the federal government.
- **Federal Perkins Loans** are offered by participating schools to provide low-interest loans to students.
- **Loans for Disadvantaged Students** : Need-based, competitive program.
- **Health Professions Student Loans** : Need-based, competitive program.
- **Primary Care Loans** : Need-based, competitive program. Must pursue degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine.
- **Nursing Student Loans** : Need-based, competitive program. Must pursue diploma, associate, baccalaureate, or master's degree in nursing.
- **Work-study** lets you earn money while enrolled in school to help pay for education expenses.
- For more information from the U.S. Department of Education, visit <http://www.ed.gov/isa/index.html> or call the
- **Ways to Receive Assistance Through Public Service** assistance program.
- The **Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)** and Human Services Administration (HSA) are part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA's three pr
- **Scholarships**

- [National Health Service Corps](#) : Competitive program. Must be enrolled in accredited physician, faculty, or nurse practitioner program.
- [Nursing Scholarship Program](#) : Need-based, competitive program. Must be enrolled in accredited nursing program.
- [Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students](#) : Need-based, competitive program. Must be enrolled in accredited college or university.
- **Serve America Act** (<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/serveamerica/>) - On April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the **National Service Act** which provides a \$1,000 [Education Award](#) for each

- The **Science, Mathematics And Research Achievement Program** (<http://www.asee.org/fellowships/smart/>)

- **Military Academies** are educational institutions which prepare candidates for service in the off
- [U.S. Air Force Academy](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard Academy](#)
- [U.S. Merchant Marine Academy](#)
- [U.S. Military Academy](#)
- [U.S. Naval Academy](#)

- **Military Tuition Assistance (TA)** The Armed Forces offer [Grants](#) sailors, marines, guardsmen, and air force
- **Other Federal Funding Opportunities**
- [Catalogue for Federal Domestic Assistance](#) provides a full listing of the over 1,800 programs and
- [Michigan State University Libraries](#) offer financial aid or scholarships information for students.
- **"Congressional" scholarships** provided for a Member of Congress or other principal elected official and
- **Tax Incentives for Higher Education** Hope and [Lifetime Learning Credit](#), may be accessed through
- [The Federal Trade Commission FTC Consumer Alert](#) provides resources to educate students

- **The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)** provides, and technical assistance on educational
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- **Community Colleges** are a valuable asset to the educational system. The

- **State System of Higher Education** (PASSHE) is the largest provider of higher education in Penn

- **State Related Institutions** There are four state related [Pennsylvania State University](#),  
[Temple University](#)

[University of Pittsburgh](#)

[Lincoln University](#)

- **Private Schools** Across Pennsylvania, more than three hundred privately licensed higher education

## Other Helpful Resources

- [edNA](#) can be used to find name, address, administrator, and related information about the educational institution.
- [Tuition Reimbursement/Tuition Remission](#) provide eligible employees with the opportunity to receive reimbursement for tuition.
- [e-Scholar](#) is a resource including Jobs, Internships, Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Apprenticeships, and more.
- [Mapping Your Future](#) is a national collaborative, public-service, nonprofit organization providing resources for students and professionals.
- [College Board Scholarship Search](#) The College Board offers programs and services in college preparation, college search, and college success.
- [FastWeb](#) is a scholarship search provider recommended by over 16,000 high schools and colleges.
- [Michigan State University Libraries](#) This compilation focuses primarily on funding opportunities for students.
- [The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators \(NASFAA\)](#) (202-785-0455) provides information on financial aid.

### Cash for College

### You Can Afford It

- [FinAid](#) was established in the fall of 1994 as a public service. This award-winning website provides information on financial aid.
- [SallieMae's College Answer](#) website has information for Students, Parents, and Counselors for college planning.
- [Section 529](#) plans are prepaid tuition and college savings plans. The G

## Targeted Aid for Special Groups

- Minority Students: [Grants for Minorities](#)
- The [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#) also supports full-time undergraduates of color.
- African Americans: [Scholarships](#) for Students
- Disabled students: [HEATH Resource Center](#)
- Foreign students: [Financial Aid for International Students](#)
- Hispanic Americans: [Scholarships](#)
- Law Students: [Financial Aid for Law School](#)
- Medical students: [Association of American Medical Colleges](#)
- Native Americans: [American Indian College Fund](#)
- Study abroad (for U.S. and International Citizens): [International Study Aid](#)
- Veterans: Check out [Education Benefits](#) or visit the Veterans page of our website for Veteran-s